

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 15-17, 21-23, 25, 26, and 28 are currently pending of which claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 are independent. Claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 have been amended through this Reply. Upon careful review, one would conclude that no new matter has been added to the application via this amendment. Support for this amendment can be found at least in paragraph [35] in view of the description of Fig. 8. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the amendment and remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting a Personal Interview with the Applicants' representative on June 29, 2009. During the Interview, deficiencies of the alleged obviousness rejection and possible amendments to the independent claims were discussed. Particularly, the Examiner agreed that an amendment to independent claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 by further clarifying that the second signal wirelessly activates the already detached removable section and that the removable section does not contain the biometric reader would overcome the outstanding rejection. *Please see the Interview Summary.*

35 U.S.C. § 103 REJECTION – Batra, Salmon, Cheng, Lin, Chiang, Hidefumi

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 6-8, 16, 17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Batra (U.S. Patent 6,317,061)[hereinafter "Batra"] in view of Salmon (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0048256)[hereinafter "Salmon"] and further in view of Lin (U.S. Patent No. 6,056,458)[hereinafter "Lin"], Chiang (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,215)[hereinafter "Chiang"], and Hidefumu (Japanese Patent No. 2002-374346 A)[hereinafter "Hidefumi"]].

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Batra, in view of Salmon and further in view of Lin, Chiang and Hidefumi, and further in view of Cheng (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0174123)[hereinafter "Cheng"].

The Examiner also rejects claims 9, 10, 13, 15, 22, 23, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Batra in view of Salmon, and further in view of Lin (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,145)[hereinafter "Lin '145"] and Chiang and Hidefumi.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner that further amendment may be necessary to distinguish the claimed invention from the applied prior art references, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, "wherein the second signal wirelessly activates the already detached removable section, and wherein the removable section does not include the biometric reader." Claims 9, 16, and 22 have also been amended in a similar manner.

As acknowledged by the Examiner during the Personal Interview of June 29, 2009, none of the applied prior art references, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least the above-identified features of claims 1, 9, 16, and 22. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 9, 16, and 22 and any claim depending therefrom are allowable over the applied prior art references.

CONCLUSION

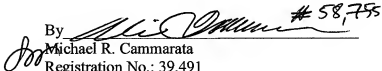
In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ali M. Imam Reg. No. 58,755 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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